

What happens to dead dreams?

As the perennial student, I was taught to write in a way that keeps it brief, but gives the reader everything necessary to pull my point together. In classic form, even if I leave out a crucial piece or two, my meaning is obvious by the negative space that's left behind. Sadly, I feel this would be lost on an audience that can't read between the lines, so let me lay it out clearly. Negative space is an adequate analogy for Net Neutrality. Though we may not notice what Net Neutrality means right now, our losses will be obvious by the negative space that's left in the wake of a crippled medium.

After all, we don't have many frontiers left. At least, the common man doesn't. Sure a few dozen people on the entire planet might make it into space within our lifetimes, but that's like 36/6.5 billionths of the population. That might as well be nothing. There is only one frontier left; the internet. Yes, that sometimes-shady, usually hilarious place is in fact THE frontier right now. The intellectual frontier. When all other frontiers seemed blotted out by constantly expanding urban wasteland, followed by suburban land-gluttony, the internet became the frontier. Within every mind on the Web was that kernel of adventure, that anything could be found there if you just looked hard enough. Possibility. Information that was never available before was soon just seconds away.

This freedom is what has been ruined by the corporate telecommunications rackets in America. While other info-nations (S. Korea, Japan) are getting 12x the connection we get here in the States ON AVERAGE, we are still trying to figure out if we actually want competition in the Telecom "market" (a term I use loosely, since its existence is so questionable and threatened at the moment). These other nations actually DO have a competitive telecom market, with a real push to make the products better, faster, more efficient, stronger, more durable. Basically what the American people want, which is quality products that allow us to access what is essentially our own information. And the proof is in the economic pudding.

If we allow AT&T, Verizon and COMCAST to censor us, it will be the death of the Web. Business will halt, information transmission is peter out, people will not bring international business onto US websites, and we will have effectively turned our internet into the Chinese internet, the significant difference being that our autocrats are part of the Dollar Party, and their autocrats are part of the Communist Party.

That kind of censorship will slaughter free speech, kill our competitive market and thus make us subject to the whims of foreign markets EVEN FURTHER, make our population dumber than they are already, shirk personal responsibility, and reinforce the Corporate Autocracy within this nation.

Eviscerating Net Neutrality will effectively destroy America, and the American Dream. Freedom, justice, a government representative of the people's interests, a competitive market, life unhindered

by arbitrary and harmful policy, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Founding ideals of our nation, set upon the corporate alter, and unburdened of their hearts--sacrificial offerings to the Greedy Dollar Demiurges.

YOU make laws in OUR interest. Corporate interest is not OUR interest, by way of the simple fact of what they are: Limited Liability Corporations. Not one person to be responsible. Many people, absolved of their sins by foisting them over onto a discarnate conglomeration of consciousnesses, executing action simply and purely in the interest of the discarnate entity, with recompense paid out in full with dollars upon dollars, becoming action in self-interest, and a case-in-point of greed destroying lives. Allowing corporate control over US and OUR information is not OUR interest, and I promise by the power vested in my vote and the votes of ALL my peers that NONE of you will EVER be re-elected to ANYTHING if you allow the internet to die. The voice of the internet WILL NOT be silenced.

Let me make myself crystal, just in case you missed the point. Dead dreams ne'er disappear. We rot, and fester, and dig our claws deeper as you forget about your murders.

What really happens to a dead dream? Is It worth your job, your personal prestige, your word, and your family name to find out? Do you want to be in the history books as a Dreamless One? Do you want to go down in memory for the greatest fallacy of our time?

You must decide. Our nation hangs in the balance.

In Love and Light I will see you in your Dreams,  
The American Subconscious

(P.S.: Here's a Cliff's Notes version for all you bad students out there:

Net Neutrality is essential to free speech, equal opportunity and economic innovation in America. Since the FCC removed this basic protection in 2005, the top executives of phone and cable companies have stated their intention to become the Internet's gatekeepers and to discriminate against Web sites that don't pay their added tolls.

This fundamental change would end the open Internet as we know it. It would damage my ability to connect with others, share information and participate in our 21st century democracy and economy. The FCC must ensure that broadband providers do not block, interfere with or discriminate against any lawful Internet traffic based on its ownership, source or destination.)

